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- 1. Coasa (The Scythe Ironware State Company), Bacau is a district branch of Centrocom Metal, Bucharest which sells ironware, technical, electrical and household supplies, dyes, window glass, and spare parts and tires for automobiles. Coasa has 20 sales stores at Bacau, 11 stores at Targu Ocna and an unknown number at Moinesti and Comanesti. The staff of the company is made up of about 40 clerks and about 350 salesmen.
- 2. Bacaul (Textile State Company), Bacau is a local branch of Centrocom Textil, Bucharest and sells textiles, shoes, clothing and fancy goods. The company has branches in all towns and villages in the Bacau district and sales depots at Bacau, Moinesti and Targu Ocna.
- 3. At Comanesti, near Modnesti, coal is mined at three points, the largest mine being at Asaul.
- 4. At Halaucesti, near Roman, metal works have been built which will employ 12,000 workers. Iron ore, coal and oil obtained in the vicinity are to be used, and part of the machinery from Resita is to be transferred there.
- 5. The railroad from Piatra Neamt is to be continued to Dorna Vatra via Bicaz and Brosteni. It is said the line is being built for strategic reasons, because it leads only across the mountains and shortens the journey by about 50 percent. In September 1951 the track was completed as far as Bicaz.
- 6. In the Comanesti park, formerly the property of Prince Ghica Comanesti, a large brick building of three or four floors with a tin roof was built by Sovrom-constructia in 1951. It is believed to be a hospital with between 300 and 400 beds.
- 7. In the years 1950 and 1951 three ammunition depots were built at Giurgiu, two of them built by the Ministry of Construction for the Rumanian army and the other built by Sovromconstructia.

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